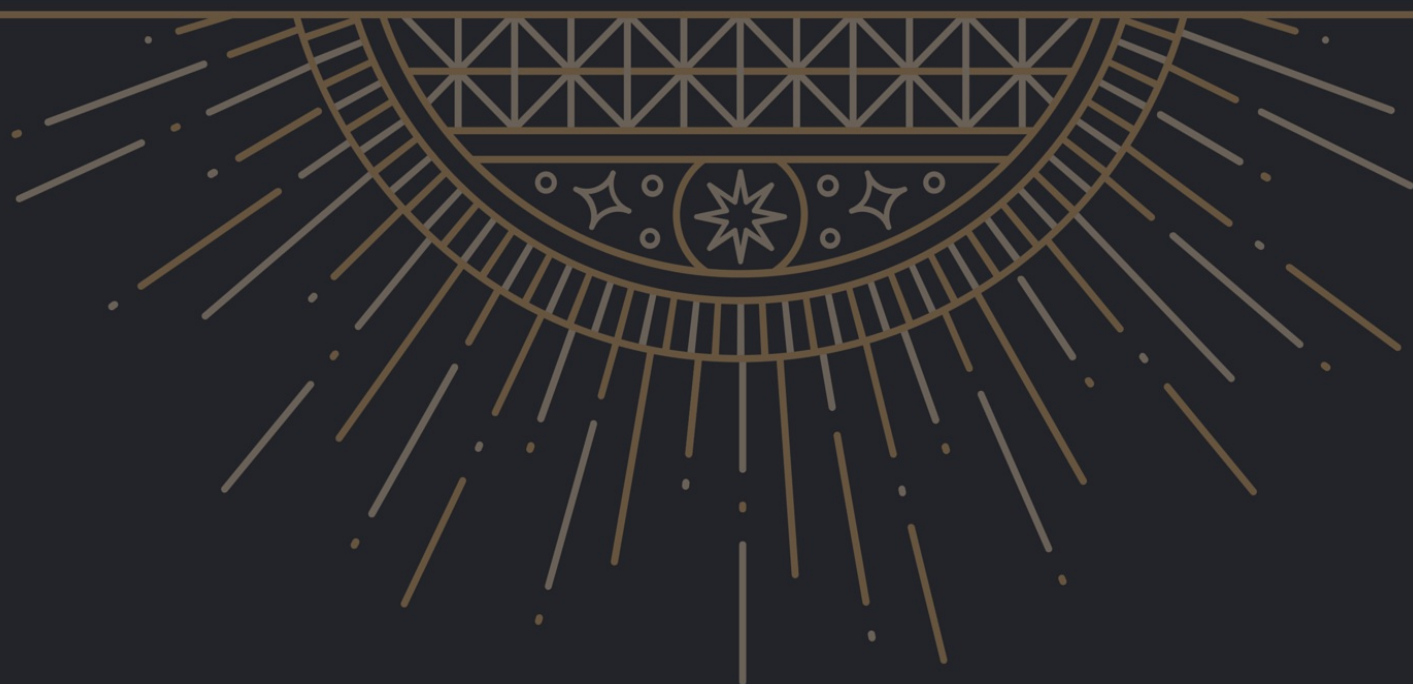




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Chapter 1 - I Don't Want to Work..!

"I don't want to work."

Getting summoned into a different world. Well, after Kami-sama heard my only condition, he answered me, Masuda Keima.

"... Umm, what did you want?"

"A life that I wouldn't need to do anything would be good..."

"... Even if you're reincarnated as a tree?"

"Ah~, that would be great~"

Kami-sama sighed with an amazed face.

"That's... why did I listen to your condition... will you hear me out?"

"Eh? What is it?"

Though I think his story was about the circulation of mana and something about demons, I wasn't listening that well.

"In your original world, could you have researched something like a golem? With that, doesn't it fill you with motivation...?"

"Eh? Hahaha, not really. Though there are some students nowadays like that~"

Making a maid robot to live my days in comfort, that was my dream.

Though if I told Kami-sama about such a dream, he'd find out I'm a useless member of society.

By the way, I did mess around with studying something like a thirty centimeter ready-made robot kit that could move at school. Make it myself? Too much trouble...

"Okay, there's no time left so... though it was special, I'll ask the next person."

"Eeeh~..."

“Well, only words can make you understand. Oh, be sure to do your best since you have my blessing.”

“But I don’t want to do anything...”

“Though there is magic in the world you’ll be reincarnating into, I don’t believe civilization has developed to the point where you don’t have to work. Besides, if you are summoned purposely to do something, it might be just what you want.”

“I want to go back inside...”

“Well, do your best.”

My vision was surrounded by bright light.

In this way, I was summoned to another world.

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“A-alright! The summon was successful! ... Eh, wait, h-human!? Why!?”

Though I don’t know by what fundamental law, I appeared in a room whose walls were shining faintly in white.

Before my eyes was something called a loli wearing a white dress, a cute girl that lolicons would covet.

Though since I prefer ones more grown up, sorry.

... As for my foot fetish though, with her wearing knee socks it’s not bad.

“Why... such a small fry despite putting in all of the DP...”

“... Can I sleep?”

“Eh-”

“Can I go to sleep? Oh, is there a futon?”

“Wha-whaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaat!?”

This guy. Despite saying I was sleepy she’s yapping noisily.

“Ugugu, what, this toy monster is talking and not listening! ... Ah, human huh. I wonder if that’s why it’s talking.”

“Oi, what are you... you’re giving me a headache, keep your voice down.”

“Ah, o-okay... Wait, what’s with you! I am the summoner, you should obediently listen to what I say.”

“Oi little girl... where’s your papa and mama? I’d like to go home.”

“Who’s a little girl! Y-you’re a monster summoned by the dungeon core! I’m going to work you until you die!”

Dungeon core... monster... yup, I don’t get it. I was summoned, so am I not a hero?

“Hey, quickly get up to leave and slaughter the bandits! Since I even invested 1000 DP, aren’t you actually pretty strong!?”

She suddenly started talking about something dangerous, oi.

“I see, since I’ll listen to you for a sec, speak. What’s a dungeon core, a monster, and DP? As for being summoned... I get that.”

“Oh, what, maybe you’re smart since you can talk? I am a magician or... well, it’s fine. This is my dungeon.”

“A little girl is the dungeon master...?”

“Aaah, so you know of dungeon masters. But there isn’t a dungeon master in my dungeon. Ah, but if forced, I wonder if I’d call myself the dungeon master?”

Of course I don’t know what dungeon masters in the world are, but I imagine they’re something like the ones in fantasy games from my memories.

But, the dungeon core... in other words, the heart of the dungeon. This little girl is...?

“Rather, though you said humans are small fries, aren’t you a human?”

“I’m not, just this appearance is that of a human... wait, what’s that ‘you’!? You will call me master!”

“Ah, come to think of it I haven’t heard your name, what is it?”

“Mine? It’s Dungeon Core No. 695.”

A number? Talk about cutting corners... no, if there's a 695 that means there are at least 694 others. If that's it, naming would be one of the things skimmed on.

"Got it, Rokuko."

"Huh? What?"

"No, since it's hard to say Dungeon Core No. such and such, I decided your name is Rokuko. Your full name is Dungeon Core Rokuko. Ah, I'm Masuda Keima."

I turned Dungeon Core No. 695 into Rokuko, what's this girl saying while staring at me?

"Huh? Mahsewtah Kehma? ... Is that an alias? Rather, what are you saying on your own-"

[Naming received, Master acknowledged.]

"Eh?"

Though I didn't understand what was going on, that's how I became a dungeon master.

Chapter 2 - Death by Working...!?

“Menu! Wait!? Not now! Cancel! Undo!”

Opening a semitransparent window in the air, the blonde-haired loli... Rokuko yells at it, but there doesn't seem to be any particular response. Ah, she's already annoying to my ears. This is why kids...

“Oi, quiet down a bit since you're being noisy. Rather, shut up.”

“W-what, ordering... -...”

Silence.

Yeah, I see, I'm the dungeon master. And what the master says is absolute huh. Fufufu.

Though I didn't plan for it, perhaps the elegant life of [Not having to work] has fallen upon me?

Right, I don't especially have to work. I'll let this blonde loli girl do the work and I'll spend my life sleeping freely away from worldly cares!

... Yeah, although it was incredible to imagine it was a waste.

“... All the same, it's like this little girl said. Thinking with common sense...”

Fully enjoying life by sleeping as much as I want is what I desire from the bottom of my heart, but I feel that depending on a woman that wasn't my senior and was the same age as me at most is... it's dubious if her age is even two digits, this girl.

“Leeets see, menu? Oh, it seriously came out. Leeets see, what're these...”

A semitransparent window came out in response to my words... okay, it's a menu window. Ordering it like this is easy to understand. It was divided into three things.

▪ Labyrinth ▪ Subordinates ▪ DP

It was in a polite speech... no, could I just understand the words like that

thanks to God? It's probably like that. [TN: Originally, he says the menu is in polite Japanese and English.]

“... -! ... -!”

Oh, Rokuko is glaring at me with a somewhat amazing glare. Hahah, even if a little girl glares at me, it's just too cute! I pat her head. Oh, she's even more angry now. She shouted something silently.

“If you have something to say, speak.”

“Trash! Stupid! I-I finally have my voice back, you idiot! What did you do!”

“Yeah, Rokuko is an idiot, you idiot. Apparently I'm your master, in other words it seems that I've become the dungeon master.”

“Cancel it!”

“Why?”

“I-I-I'm the greatest! So-! Obey me!”

The blonde-haired little girl looked this way with teary eyes while her face became deep red in anger... this is becoming a problem.

I understand, she's an idiot.

“Who's an idiot!”

“Oops, I said that out loud. But thinking about it... why did you summon me?”

“That's... to make you a dungeon monster.”

“In other words, if I obey you I'll have to fight as a dungeon monster, and die if I fail. Rather, I would probably die without failing too. Though I like to sleep, I'd like to avoid entering an eternal sleep at my age.”

“W-well that's how it is for dungeon monsters... and moreover you are weak...”

“Calling me Keima is fine.”

“Nn, understood Kehma... gu-, I can't oppose...!”

“For now, I will look over the dungeon. Looking for a bed would be good.”

I chose [Labyrinth] from the menu. Though I moved it like a touch panel, I guess it works with voice recognition too.

Well, the state of the dungeon displayed before me, and I froze.

“... Oi, why is there nothing but one entrance, passage, and room?”

“The plan was to get a monster first! I heard that was the strongest way.”

“O-oh, inside this dungeon is... are bandits different from monsters?”

“Ah, those are intruders!”

That’s right, even if I looked at the dungeon map there was an indicator for something enemy-ish on it.

“Where is this place! Aren’t we in the dungeon!?”

“This is the master room inside the dungeon core. Well, a different dimension? Kind of?”

“Well... in other words, inside Rokuko?”

“Ah, yeah. I feel it’s inside my main body... wait, what’s with that, that obscene expression... pervert.”

Rokuko’s cheeks blushed slightly while she looked at me with disgusted eyes. That’s a terrible false accusation. I want to demand an apology and compensation. But I’ll confirm the important thing first.

“From what I see, the dungeon core in the room where the bandits are gathering?”

“Even if I looked, that’s how it is.”

“... Why?”

“Eh, the dungeon core is ineffective if it isn’t installed in the dungeon you know? That’s common sense.”

I have a headache.

When the dungeon core isn’t set up in the dungeon, it’s ineffective.

The dungeon only has one room.

Therefore, the dungeon core is installed in that room.

And there are about eight bandits inside the dungeon core's room.

"... Well? Isn't this checkmate? Am I starting second right off the bat?"

"That's why I used the last of the DP to summon a monster and kick out the bandits. Then Kehma appeared. A weakling appearing was a mistake, but it can't be returned now..."

"Yeah, so though I want to go back to my original world it's useless?"

"Impossible. No, since you were summoned it's not absolutely unreasonable, but the DP is probably overwhelmingly insufficient?"

DP stands for dungeon points, [It's possible!] is what I was told.

Well then it's good for now.

Though I'm the dungeon master, what happens if the dungeon core is destroyed?

"Well, you'll die you know? Since the master and core are two as one, you'll be in the same boat."

"Dying would be bad..."

"It's alright, since if the master dies the core will be fine."

"Then isn't that 'two as one' thing just a one way road!?"

"Ah, yeah, though well it's okay, I won't die yet. Yeah."

"How!?"

"These bandits, though it's been ten days since they made this cave their base, they haven't come to destroy the dungeon core."

"... Eh?"

By the way, the dungeon core is about the size of a basketball. The walls and floor of this room also appear to be glowing. Furthermore the dungeon in contrast wasn't lit well, that is to say it's rare it wasn't found. Or perhaps I should say it's amazing it was put like that to stand out.

"... So, it's alright. Besides, though in the current state there's low DP with intruders, they came in."

Will it really be okay?

No, it probably won't be okay. Since she tried to summon a monster by using DP.

"... Got it. By the way, how does DP increase?"

"Well-"

Gathering it all up,

1. Natural recovery from the land (This is the basic 10 DP per day)
2. Maintaining the state of an intruder in the dungeon (Depends on the strength of intruder)
3. Killing an intruder (Depends on the strength of the intruder)
4. Offering a corpse (Depends on the original strength of the corpse)
5. Offering treasure (Depends on the treasure)

That's how it is.

By the way, it seems to take 20 DP to summon a goblin.

If it was like normal you could summon one every other day, but with the eight bandits lodging in the dungeon for the past ten days, that was apparently +80 DP more per day.

Well, with the 900 DP gained during these ten days that the bandits have controlled the cave and putting it together with the other 100 DP, becoming 1000 DP, she played monster slots.

I see, if it cost fifty times more than a goblin she thought it would be stronger than fifty goblins huh. But slots also has losers. Or perhaps I should say I'm a grand prize? No, though she said slots it was probably just the automatic translation... I have mixed feelings about this. That's rare.

Additionally, there are some several ranks of slots: 100, 1000, 10000... it goes up by a factor of ten each time, with no upper limit. The 1000 DP slots I came from was second from the bottom.

Rumors say goblins can come from 10000 DP slots and a dragon from 1000 DP. The probability increase with the price, a basic luck game huh?

“Why not a dragon!”

“No, even if a goblin came out it wouldn’t be amusing, aren’t you aiming too high?”

This blonde-haired loli’s ego was next level stuff. Not even I’m the center of the world you know? Something so convenient doesn’t actually happen. Though I just want to sleep, I was summoned into another world to work.

“... Well, the remaining DP is... 9?”

Just when she’d reached 1000 DP she pulled the lever. Now we’re flat-out broke.

Looking at the catalog from the DP on the menu, I can’t even summon a goblin with 9 DP.

Dragons? Even the weakest version starts at 100000 DP, madam. Haha, someone that thought they could get one with 1000 DP is just too much of an idiot.

Looking at the everyday items page, there were a few that could appear with 9 DP.

“Alright, I’ve decided.”

“What is it, Kehma?”

Using up 5 DP, I summoned a [Buckwheat Pillow].

“I’m going to sleep.”

“Eh, wai-!?”

“While I sleep, please be quiet. Good night.”

Yeah, this is very convenient. Next thing I summon will be a [Futon].

10000 DP for a [Heavenly Pillow] and 100000 DP for a [Top Quality Futon].

While I laid down closing my eyes, the yapping voice slowly faded out.

Chapter 3 - Figuring out the Situation

“Fuwaah, that was a good sleep... is hard to say. Damn, my body hurts.”

When I woke up and stood, my shoulders popped loudly.

Though the floor wasn't cold and was slightly warm, it was hard and dimly emitted light. Not a good place to sleep in.

“Gu-, f-finally you woke up Kehma!”

“Oh Rokuko, how long was I asleep?”

“You don't know!? Six hours! Aah I can talk again.”

Though I don't know if time flows the same, but it seems that I slept for six hours for now.

The 4 DP that I saw before falling asleep became 34 DP.

... What's the timetable for the bandit's DP? I should probably give up on calculating the exact income based on their strength.

“What time is it outside?”

“Seven in the morning! By the way, one day is twenty-four hours! Wait, why am I answering you!”

“I see, thanks. Say ‘nya’ at the end of your sentences.”

“Stop joking nya!”

One day is twenty-four hours. By the way, it seems that one year is twelve months, three hundred sixty-five days in total. It's good that it's the same so it's easy to remember.

Though I checked to make sure, I heard that what I can order the body to do on its own depends on my level.

Despite this being another world, since little girl does whatever I say if I were a lolicon there would be R-18 developments about right now.

I canceled the order for her to add stuff to the end of her sentences and for

now reviewed the current situation once again.

“What’s the state of the bandits?”

“They got up and left a bit ago. One person is staying here right now.

“Hmmm...”

“Well then, I’ll just summon a goblin then. Summon! 20 DP Goblin!”

“Huh?”

A glowing magic formation appeared on the floor.

The magic formation’s light grew stronger and the moment it flashed a small person with an ugly green face appeared.

I wonder if it felt like this when I was summoned? Probably.

“Alright!”

“It’s not alright!”

“Adah-!?”

I hit Rokuko’s head with a thump.

“W-what was that for! The endurance value doesn’t lower! I’ll break!”

“What are you using DP for on your own, idiot!”

“Hah? What’s wrong with me using my DP?”

Ah, so this person is an idiot.

“It’s not your DP anymore, it’s my DP. If you want to use it you need my permission, if you don’t want to die that is.”

“W-what, is that a threat!? If I die, Kehma also dies!”

“That’s right, if the dungeon core is destroyed I die as well. That’s why I said to not do things at your own convenience!”

“Ugu-... th-then, what now?”

“For now, teach me about the area around here... And can this goblin be returned?”

“It can’t. Well, it’ll give 2 DP if it’s killed in the dungeon though.”

“One tenth huh... I got it, let’s keep it for now.”

First of all, I decided to give the goblin the order to wait in the corner of the room for now.

... Rather, this room is pretty big. Couldn’t it fit something about the size of a gymnasium in it?

No, if you consider that you can summon a dragon isn’t that much natural?

“Well, let’s see, first of all this place is called the [Tsua Mountain]... Incidentally, this dungeon is called the [Ordinary Cave]! Adventurers said so.”

Is this place even considered a dungeon. Oi.

Thinking about it, this seems to be the dungeon for a name like that. It’s misleading.

Well, apart with the room lines with bricks, it does look like an ordinary cave...

“You said something about adventurers?”

“It seems the humans made something called an adventurer guild. Though I don’t know how they’re different from knights, I don’t know.”

There appeared to be knights as well. As for the difference, isn’t it just between being an individual and being part of a peace keeping group?

... If Rokuko only knows that general of information from hearing about it, don’t I know more about it?

“Are there human towns nearby? If there’s a map show it to me.”

“You can see it on the menu.”

I looked at the menu to check.

It seems that there is a nearby road going down the mountain. Perhaps the bandits’ aim is that?

When I fiddled with the scaling, topography information for the mountain appeared... However, at most I was able to understand the surroundings of the mountain. There’s a slightly large town nearby the Tsua Mountain, and

some distance beyond the mountain a sea.

Ah, so it seems in addition to the town there's a few villages sprinkled about.

... By the way, this map felt very lackadaisical. No, more precisely I wished it provided distances. Well, it's fine. It seems to be a map of the nearby area.

"Hey~, not going to kill the bandits? It'll be a ton of DP if you kill them you know? I feel that if you do it now, let's see~, wouldn't 200 DP come in?"

That would be approximately like them staying twenty four hours for ten days, I'm told.

"No, I still can't handle the bandits yet."

"Why? If it's just one bandit... about ten goblins should be fine?"

"To gain 200 DP I'd have to invest 200 DP huh... in the first place aren't you doubting that's enough DP?"

I mean, goblins look weak. Ten for a single bandit?

"I'll store up DP for a while. It would be a waste, there are better uses for it. Right now it would be better to not move clumsily and provoke them... Clumsily sending out goblins, wouldn't they say [A goblin came out, let's destroy the dungeon core!]?"

"...! I didn't think of that, Kehma is smart!"

"Rokuko is just stupid. So long as you understand what I say, it's fine."

"O-okay. Got it."

Now then, with this she won't do anything on her own. Since I ordered her.

"... Let's see, next is the labyrinth? Making a room is... though it depends on the size, if it's a small rock-faced room it's 200 DP huh. Passages depend on the length, and traps are separate?"

"Yes! It's better to summon monsters than to make rooms. That's why I didn't do it."

"You can also obtain and place treasures with DP huh... ah, that's why the pillow was in the treasure category."

“That’s right, but is there any reason to place them? I would rather summon a monster to beat away intruders than use DP for something like tha-... wait, what’s with those eyes? They’re unpleasant.”

Oops, I gave this person making an idiot of herself a disapproving gaze.

“Yeah, well speaking of dungeons, rather than monsters you’d picture the image of traps and treasures.”

“Is that so? The other cores didn’t say anything like that you know?”

“... Now that you mention it, Rokuko said she was Dungeon Core No. 695. Are there 694 others?”

“I think the number decreased from lots of them dying from their cores being destroyed... the dungeon core is our heart.”

“It’s amazingly risky to leave your heart in nothing but a single room dungeon.”

“After all, the other cores said the amount of rooms didn’t matter!”

“Fufun,” the blonde-haired loli boastfully threw out her chest that she didn’t have. That flat chest... maybe I should pat it?

“You’re able to contact other cores?”

“Well, there’s a gathering. Though I wasn’t able to be there this time because of the intruders... we’re called together once a year... well, it’s like a party. A place to gather valuable info.”

“Heeh, so because of that you heard those things?”

“Yeah, Dungeon Core No. 89 Nee-sama said them. Since 89th Nee-sama is an amazing person with a dungeon in the middle of the imperial capital despite being a humanoid like me! Her number is two digits, her DP ranking is in the top ten, and always cares for me.”

Isn’t she just cheating this girl?

“Incidentally, 89th Nee-sama got a dragon from 1000 DP slots.”

“That so~. Rather, I’m more interested in her being in the imperial capital or ranking though. For now we need deal with our current crisis somehow

though.”

“That’s right. We can’t do-”

“Guuu,” a sound rang out.

... Now that I think about it, I haven’t eaten anything since yesterday.

“Duck, or rice... do you have food?”

“Eh? Ah, I see. Monsters eat huh~. I forgot since I don’t need to eat to live.”

By the way, it seems that whenever a monster came she would always use all the DP she’d stocked up to summon goblins. Once or twice a month, adventurers would come to exterminate the goblins, mincing up their corpses and heading back.

And I seem to be treated the same as a monster. How rude.

I used 5 DP to summon bread and water, dividing it a bit with the goblin that was behaving itself in the corner of the room, then ate peacefully.

Chapter 4 - Let's Deal with the Bandits

Somehow

Two days passed since I was summoned.

Somehow or another my DP is even 179, no, it's 180 now. I could summon nine goblins.

By the way, I know the reason why the dungeon core wasn't destroyed. They used it as a hot water bottle.

The dungeon core shined faintly and was slightly warm.

The bandits' boss made the dungeon core room his bed, I understood when he put his feet up on the dungeon core and fell asleep. As expected, when I wanted to see how things were going outside, I pulled up the app and saw the dirty soles of his feet on the wall.

He kicked dungeon core-san in the heart.

"W-well? Even I can earn DP if it's these guys? It's a win-win you know? Fufun."

Knowing that her heart was being rolled around by some smelly feet, the blonde-haired loli dungeon core was almost in tears. I saw something adorable.

"Now then, is there anything to do..."

"Summon something! Summon goblins for a slaughter!? Ah, a 150 DP lizardman would be good! That guy would never forgive that boss, he'll stab him over and over!"

"Idiot. Someone like that would just be stabbed instead."

Seems that she was humiliated by her heart being treated like a heater after all.

"There are eight enemies, our war potential is overwhelmingly insufficient. If you didn't summon a goblin to begin with, we would have

saved a bit more on food expenses.”

“Hmph, I didn’t know about that guy’s maintenance costs... wait, didn’t you also use some of the DP to summon a [Futon]!?”

And another thing, it seems you can see anywhere inside the dungeon from the dungeon core. It was a function of the menu.

By the way, Rokuko didn’t know that. That makes sense, since it wasn’t a needed feature if you only had a single room.

“But, what do we do?”

“Ah, what... hey, what about letters? Can Rokuko write? Can the bandits read?”

“If that’s it... Yea, I can write. I wonder if the bandits can’t read? They seemed to read a book of their spoils, so if it’s easy.”

“I see. Then, please write down what I say out loud for a sec.”

“Oka~y.”

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“Booooss! Please wake up!”

“Ngah...?”

When the bandit boss woke up in the cave, there was a box.

Was something like this here yesterday? No, there wasn’t. I would have noticed it before.

“What’s this? How’d it get here?”

“I dunno. But Rodriguez was on guard and said no one came in.”

“So what, did this just appear out of thin air?”

“So... what now?”

I checked the box, but it doesn’t look like there are traps set on it. When I carefully opened the box, there was a steel helmet in it.

This is a good item, and new at that.

“Hey, isn’t this pretty good? Seems like it’d sell for a lot. I might even use it.”

“Boss, there’s something written on the bottom of the box.”

“Hm? What’s this shit... writing? Oi! Braken, you should be able to read these, read em!”

“Yah! Lesseee?”

Showing the box to his underling to read it, it was read.

The content was unexpected.

[I-am-the-dan-jun-cor. Thank-you-for-defeating-goblins. This-is-a-gift. If-there’s-more-done, I-can-give-more.]

“Dungeon core...? Oi, this is a dungeon?”

“Eh, no, this place was called an [Ordinary Cave].”

“Ah, hold up boss! When I was an adventurer I heard this dungeon was named [Ordinary Cave]!”

“Is that true Johnny!?”

The bandit boss was startled.

There was something glittering from the ground, the warmth felt good when he placed his feet on it. Perhaps, was that the dungeon core?

He hadn’t heard of being able to talk with dungeon cores, but this was a letter from the dungeon core. To say this was someone’s trick... no one came in even with someone standing watch, and there’s this steel helmet no one could have prepared.

And according to the letter, the steel helmet seems to be a gift for defeating the goblins.

Perhaps it was the goblins near the dungeon core that he kicked out when he came to the cave. For a bandit boss, five goblins were nothing but small fry. To get a steel helmet like this just for beating some small fry...

“Oi oi are you serious...? I see my luck’s turning around...!”

Stories of dungeons are famous. There's a dungeon called [White Labyrinth] in the imperial capital.

No, the imperial capital was made where the dungeon was already at after all.

As for the dungeon, there were monsters, but it was a place that produced various treasures, like magic armor. And this is a dungeon. However, there haven't been any monsters so far. If I had to say anything, there were just the five goblins when we came here. And then there's this treasure. This steel helmet.

"It seems I pleased this dungeon."

The bandit boss grinned.

The dungeon produced treasure for the person who pleased it... in other words, it was the same as holding infinite riches.

[If there's more done, I can give more.]

Come to think of it, the goblin corpses had disappeared before they realized it. They thought someone's subordinate cleaned it up though...

So that means, in other words, it was something like that.

The box that had contained the steel helmet also disappeared before they realized it.

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"Whyyyyyyyyyyy!! Him-! Why-! Why did we reward someone like that guy-!?"

The blonde-haired loli was writhing about.

[Pen and Ink] was 5 DP, [Wooden Box] was 5 DP, and [High Quality Steel Helm] was 170 DP.

And spending the DP I had, we're broke at 0 DP now.

I used all of the DP to give a [Present] to the bandit's boss.

"Why!? It wouldn't have been very difficult to summon goblins!"

“Then die when they fail? Hahaha, sorry. I don’t want to die yet. I want to sleep.”

“T-that’s why, you’re... a, a traitor!”

“We’ve gained some time with this for now. Since we’ll massacre them before long, calm down.”

“Eh?”

Maybe because she was astonished that the word massacre came out of my mouth, but Rokuko exposed a goofy face.

“Why? You, since you’re human, didn’t you give a tribute in order to help them?”

“Hah? I just want to be safe in my bed. Even so, why should I leave dangerous guys like bandits alone?”

“Eeh... we-well then, shouldn’t you be hesitating in taking care of people of the same race?”

“I don’t know. I want to sleep. Besides, that doesn’t mean I’ll take care of them directly... Ah, since there’s nothing left to do today I’m going to sleep. Alright, good night.”

I took out the futon and laid down.

“W-w-wait up! Please explain a bit more!”

“It can’t be helped huh... then I’ll explain some more. Tomorrow. Good night.”

“D-don’t slee-!? ...!”

As I fell asleep, I heard Rokuko’s voice fade out.

It seems the order from the first day is still effective. Good night.

Chapter 5 - Let's Make More Rooms

"Ah, that was a good rest... is still hard to say. I want a better futon..."

"Morning. You really sleep all day... don't you get tired of it?"

"Nope."

"Well, please explain... though I want you to, check out the DP."

When I opened the menu to check it out, there was 857 DP.

"Hmm? Oh, it went up all of a sudden. That was dangerous."

"You knew?"

"Yeah? Ah, I heard it more or less. What happened?"

"... Adventurers attacked."

From what I heard, the bandits standing guard seemed to notice adventurers heading towards the dungeon. They ambushed them in the passageway from a blind spot in the room.

They then killed the four adventurers. It appears the bandits were uninjured.

"So then the bandits took off the adventurers' gear and took care of the corpses. Then they pushed 'em against the dungeon core. Even if they didn't do that I would have absorbed them. It seems they understood when I absorbed a corpse they didn't do that to though."

"I see, so they attacked inside the dungeon huh. Aren't the bandits smarter than Rokuko?"

"What's that supposed to mean!?"

Of course it means what I said you know?

Rokuko, who had been grinning, was now sulking from hearing that.

"But why? Why did adventurers come that is."

"You... even though you yourself said that adventurers come once or twice

a month...”

“Oh. Come to think of it, I did say something like that huh?”

This cave is probably used to train adventurers while fighting against small fry like the goblins or something. Without destroying the dungeon core, and with what they call this place, it’s probably used to train rookies. Probably to come and see a real dungeon core.

Well, the result of whether rookies could come to such an [Ordinary Cave] like this and fight eight bandits... are as you can see.

The bandits, as well as five goblins, couldn’t lose against what looks like were six rookies. Since they didn’t think they’d lose, they robbed, they killed. Because they’re bandits.

“Well, with this, the steel helmet and letter from yesterday... have had an effect on them.”

“Bandits want money. So long as we act friendly and demonstrate it is in their interest, using items to satisfy their greed for cash cash, they’ll cooperate with us. Therefore, in order for the bandits to stay in the cave I showed them the steel helmet and letter... then, they would procure adventurer corpses for us to turn into DP.”

In the case they fought outside of the cave, they probably wouldn’t have brought the corpses back to the place they slept since they don’t seem to have the fetish for that. But if they could make corpses disappear without a trace... absorbing them into the dungeon core would decrease their chances of being found. They would even get treasure, too. So they’ll probably bring them back here.

Besides, even if it leaks out to the adventurer guild, they’ll realize there’s not even anything to gain from removing the bandits from an [Ordinary Cave].

Therefore, with thoughts like [I want to be in this cave] and [I want treasure], even if they call it the [work of bandits], adventurers will definitely be gotten rid of. That they ambushed them inside the cave was a pleasant bonus.

Though if you thought about it, the best thing to do would be to run away without fighting... but yeah, they don't seem to have thought of that. It's good they're idiots.

"... Kehma, isn't it fine even if the bandits go away?"

"No, it isn't fine. We can't massacre them if they run away. Then wouldn't the DP I got at great pains be wasted? Being wasteful is no good. I have to wring earnings from them."

"... Though you're a human the same as them you call them DP. Kehma, I respect you a little~."

"Thanks, then I'm going back to sleep. Good night.

"You just got up and you're already going to bed..."

Are you stupid? I wouldn't be able to go back to sleep if I didn't just wake up.

Even though it was my own plan to kill adventurers my conscience doesn't feel anything from it.

Well the bandits did kill them on their own when I was sleeping, and I didn't see the said corpses either. I wonder if I'll directly kill a person before long? What'll I think then?

... Whatever, it's fine since I've already become something called a dungeon master. I feel refreshed from going to sleep. DP also increased a little.

"Increase the amount of rooms. Take out a new box too. Is there still ink?"

"Eh-yeah. There is? But, to make a room that costs 850 of the precious DP?"

Rokuko replied in disappointment as she looked at the DP catalog of monsters that could be summoned for 800 DP and below.

Hahaha, is this blonde-haired loli learning?

"Well, adding rooms... let's see, though I am able put items down when there's invaders, I can only take monsters out from the dungeon core and

can't add rooms. Then how will I get the bandits to go out...? They don't look particularly easy to defeat either... Well, please write what I say."

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"Boss! A box appeared again!"

"Oh! What're you waiting for, move!"

The bandit's boss jump up from the floor, no, he literally jumped up to open the box.

Inside of it is... what's this? His head tilted as he saw what was inside.

"... A pillow? But magic items are...!"

Despite giving me a steel helmet for five goblins, what's with this shabby thing for four adventurer corpses? Was the number the important part?

While the bandit's boss thought that, an underling read out the words written inside the box.

[I was saved! You're pretty strong! I want to-thank you! Since they-were-in the-dungeon-present-quickly. I am-adding-rooms. Since it's-dangerous-everyone go-outside. Please-go outside-soon.]

I see, so the present is more rooms? Since it was definitely small when all eight of them entered, it might have been taking that into account.

So, agreeing with that, they all went outside the cave.

As soon as they left the cave's entrance, there were immediately crunching rock sounds echoing from the cave.

About ten minutes went by. Going inside shortly after the noises stopped, the dungeon core that was on the floor until now was missing and there was a passage which lead inside along with a wooden door. A little flustered, they went inside and saw one more room on each side of the passage. Two more rooms in total were added, with the dungeon core in the room on the right.

In addition to the two added rooms, there was the same room that was part of the cave since the start. It felt strange that the place they called a

hideout had a wooden door.

It only took ten minutes for the cave to expand. Would it probably have taken about a month if it were done by manpower? No, if there was a skilled magician it might have been done at the same speed.

Three rooms in all. It simply increased to three times the amount until now. Moreover, there seems to be a single bed installed in the left room. Was the pillow from the box put there for this?

Was this prepared for me? What's this, aren't you a cute fellow.

The bandit's boss muttered so.

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"... Dammit... why, why did you spend 440 DP for a guy like that...!"

"Oi oi, 10 DP for the box and pillow, 20 DP for two wooden doors, 10 DP for a bed... that's altogether 40 DP used for the bandits, what are you talking about?"

"Hah? That room was 200 DP you know."

"That's a stupid thing to say. That room is different from the steel helmet, it can't be taken from the dungeon to be sold for money. It's our fixed asset."

Rokuko stupidly tilted her head to the side when she didn't understand what I said.

Yeah, this is a dungeon core in another world, and her appearance is different than her age... this blonde-haired loli is probably younger than she looks. Almost definitely.

"I expanded the dungeon because it was necessary. I'll teach you the advantage in having more rooms... if we can have six goblins per room, with three rooms you can place up to eighteen of them."

"Wow, that's incredible! Let's add more rooms!"

Yup, you consenting to that is even more incredible.

"... Wait, huh? T-this is serious! Though there was 860 DP it's gone now!"

"Oh, it's because I used it..."

“Eh? W-what did you use it on!?”

“Look, this.”

I showed the dungeon map from the menu.

I left the entrance momentarily, and outside of the passage I had made a cave similar to the original cave a bit of a distance away. 200 DP for the room, 30 DP for five meters of pathway. Though since I didn't have to make a pathway outside of the cave, I made it close to one kilometer away. It ended up quite cheap, though it used the rest of the DP.

“... Hah, I never would have thought about extending the dungeon outside of the entrance. That's a different way of thinking. Well, why did you do it? Isn't it an obvious waste of DP?”

“Ah, be glad. This is your heart's desire, the goblin room!”

“Yay~♪ ... Eh, my heart's desire?”

“Aren't goblins your favorite?”

Isn't she always with the 'send a goblin send a goblin'?

That's why I thought that Rokuko liked goblins. To be surrounded and served by goblins.

“... No, I don't have any feelings like that.”

“I don't mind. To each their own. You are unrelated to your goblin fetish, partner.”

“No, what do you mean!? What's with that 'I understand' face!?”

“By the way, I'm not a lolicon. I have a foot fetish. My evaluation of Rokuko's feet is good.”

“No no no! Really, what do you mean!? Moreover, you're looking down on me!”

For the time being, the DP was exhausted, so I went to sleep for the third time.

Chapter 6 - Let's use Magic for the First Time

Since I ran out of DP by adding rooms, I also ran out of things to do.

That didn't change even after I slept and woke up again. I still didn't have enough DP...

On that subject, what of the restroom and my meals? I'll say this.

I eat three meals a day, each set of bread and water (5 DP). By the way, the bread that comes out isn't hard brown bread. I can choose from pastries or simple prepared breads. I choose the largest portion of bread whenever possible and share it with the goblin to eat.

Though next is the restroom, it's the corner of the room... Well, I should have toilet paper prepared and have it partitioned off right? However, it can't be helped since I don't leave the master room.

Since the dungeon core absorbs all of the trash and excrement without even leaving a smell behind, I'm really thankful. Rokuko puts on a reluctant expression when she absorbs poop though.

"... How would you like to watch someone poop in your heart, oi?"

"Hahaha, a girl saying something as improper as poop. Isn't it fine? There's also goblin poop, isn't Rokuko's goblin fetish crying from happiness?"

"Hey, do you really think that about me!? Do you even see me as intelligent life!?"

"Oh, well, an enigmatic creature... kind of. Oh, but I have said before that just your feet are highly rated. They have a light complexion and absolutely healthy."

"Nooo this master is scary."

Even so, I haven't been in a tub or entered a shower to bathe in several days.

I wonder if my hair is going to start smelling soon... then I saw the goblin

next to me. It had its ugly face and large fangs as usual. Clothes? It wore just a rag wrapped around its waist. A wild style.

If such a wild guy were neglected for a few days wouldn't he start to smell like a dog? ... Is what I thought. However, he was clean. Does he have some kind of secret?

"Oh, I used the life magic [Cleanup] on him."

It was magic. Right, this is a fantasy world.

"Magic huh, if it's magic there's no helping it then. Then could you use it on me as well?"

"Eh, you want me to clean you?"

"... Oh, the goblin gets better treatment because of your goblin fetish huh."

"That's not it! I didn't know the dungeon master wanted [Cleanup]! Rather, use it on yourself!"

"No no no, what's with the assumption I can use magic?"

"Eh, you can't use it?"

According to her, everyone seems to be able to use magic. Even humans.

Even the bandits used it when I wasn't watching...

Can I use it too? I'll ask how to use it.

"Just charge magic power and simply use [Cleanup]."

I don't get it at all. What do she mean by 'charge magic power'? 'Simply use [Cleanup]' she says. She's the kind of person that wouldn't write down how many teaspoons or grams of salt to use in the recipe book. I'm not one of this world's magic humans, oi! Even beginners are beginners!

"... Kehma, can't you use the menu? It's the same thing as that alright?"

"Seriously? [Cleanup]... Oh, it worked."

Along with the sensation of being completely covered by a membrane of carbonated water starting at my feet, my body was cleaned.

With this, I'm free to sleep in peace of mind that my body is clean. I'll use it

immediately after waking up so that I can feel refreshed and go back to sleep comfortably.

I wonder if something like MP is expended? There's even a pleasant tired feeling. Isn't this the most optimal magic in order to sleep? This is wonderful.

"By the way, though manifesting life magic only requires a mental image and magic power, those aren't the only requirements. For stronger ones it's no good unless you use scrolls to memorize them you know?"

"Scroll...?"

"Yeah, though you can theoretically learn to manifest it by yourself, that's at an [Unrealistic and Impossible] level. That's what researchers are for. Well, I normally learn magic by using scrolls. I don't have any to use though... Ah, aren't they in the DP catalog?"

Examining it when she said that, there were treasures and items like [Scroll of Fire Ball (500 DP)] and [Scroll of Ice Barrier (700 DP)].

The attributes were the standard four elements: earth, water, wind, and fire. There seemed to be special attributes like light, darkness, and space-time as well.

Furthermore, they were each divided into ranks: bottom class, low class, middle class, upper class, top class, emperor class, and divine class. Fire Ball seemed to be classified as low class fire attribute magic.

Meanwhile, I'm interested on this middle class earth attribute magic.

[Scroll of Create Golem (10000 DP)]

I'm very interested. If I use this, wouldn't I have a servant that'll do whatever I say?

Well, even Rokuko is in a servant-like state that she does whatever I say. All the same, since I'd feel awkward if it's a little girl, I want something like a robot.

Though I want that item soon, I wonder if I should go with that or use that DP for the [Heavenly Pillow]...

Chapter 7 - The Bandits' Boss

In the end, two days passed by uneventfully since I added more rooms.

The bandits seems to have taken a vacation and spent all of their time in the dungeon, have of them laying down drinking sake. I thought they'd attack travelers and merchants every day, bit it seems I was wrong. They were taking a holiday while their boss was out overnight, I wonder what he's doing?

Well, it's fine though since thanks to that I got a lot of DP with just that little.

Well, the boss came back with seven more thugs.

Though I guess he invited them from somewhere, their strength... even if I calculate the DP backwards from coming in, they're just thugs after all.

One person was roughly between 10-15 DP per day, so seven more people increases the daily income by around 70-105 DP? Simply delicious. In addition to that, when they went out they came back with a young person that was probably an adventurer.

Yep, gagged and tied with rope, it was a woman.

They started stabbing the young person with their swords as I thought that. These people are scary.

When the slaughter finished, they watched the pool of blood be absorbed by the dungeon in mute amazement.

"Oh, a decent amount of DP came in. 300 DP huh."

"... Goblin Lover Rokuko, don't summon fifteen goblins."

Oh yeah. It was a present to the dungeon, yeah. Wasn't their effort good? Let's reward them...

So, since it seems that it took a considerable amount of time for them to stab the adventurer to death, I decided to give them a sharp iron sword (150

DP). 520 DP left. I want to save up more...

“Hey, I wanted you to add something like more rooms ya know?”

Seeing this, even though the bandit's boss had the sword in his hand, he complained while dissatisfied.

What's with you, even though I took great pains to bless you with a sword.

“Haah, say that earlier, whatever.”

“What now? Going to make a room?”

“I don't feel like using more DP... ah, that's right.”

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Going to town, I went to sell the plundered goods.

Well, even though I say that I went to town, more precisely I went to a slum around the outer wall.

As I expected, public order wasn't so bad that a bandit boss like me could go inside the walls... it'd be different if I did a bit of bribing though.

Ah, about the steel helmet I got from the dungeon, I decided to not sell it and use it. It's probably good to take care of something like a first present.

Well, I obtained seven new companions from the street.

Street thugs, people in my profession, runaway slaves... well, everyone gives off that kind of feeling.

While I was at it, I attacked and stunned a brat adventurer who was walking along the path, bringing them back to the base.

Hahaha, it really is a dangerous place away from the city. Rookies shouldn't come to the mountainside by themselves ya know.

Because of that, I took put it in the dungeon for it to make another room, feeding it the corpse. The seven new companions had surprised faces when they saw a stiff being completely eaten by the ground.

“Boss, a box came out!”

“Ooh... wait, what's this? A sword?”

A sword was put into the box.

An iron sword. The item was a better quality than I'd used so far.

But, that isn't what I want right now. I want a room.

As expected, with seven more people it's cramped. Well, it was six people in a small room before. Thinking about the two people rotating out to stand guard, entering the rooms that were increased to three was cramped. I want a new room soon.

When I mumbled that, a new box came out.

"Yeah, what is it this time?"

Taking the box, [Since it wasn't enough to make a new room, make one yourself] was written on the bottom of it.

Inside were three brand new pickaxes.

Chapter 8 - Going Well

He was angry about getting a pick when he said he wanted another room. I don't get it.

If the space is open beforehand, I can save DP though...

Then three days passed without anything happening.

By the way, the bandits were digging a room with the pickaxes while complaining. Though it seems they were throwing the stone and dirt they dug up out of the dungeon, I reclaimed it as treasure. Though it wasn't even 1 DP, I was right in doing that since they seemed to like me pitching in with the expansion. They're simple guys.

"Hmm? Did someone approach?"

Rokuko muttered.

"It isn't a bandit?"

"It feels different. Probably an adventurer. The bandits seem to have noticed too, should we ambush it?"

"Is that so... in all likelihood, it's adventurers from before coming back to investigate."

Though it's abrupt, it's a good opportunity. Thinking about the bandit extermination plan, I decided to talk to Rokuko.

I talked to her about not doing anything unnecessary.

"Since they purposely came here to investigate, these guys are definitely more skilled than the adventurers from before. Since it would be pointless if they weren't more useful than the last ones that didn't return."

Even the realized, they couldn't let them come and see the changes to the [Ordinary Cave]. Therefore, there was no choice but to kill the adventurers.

Then, after killing this adventurer, more and more will come to investigate next time.

... Of course, the prepared adventurers would be stronger and stronger.

Though I don't know if it will continue indefinitely, the bandits would be defeated sooner or later.

Right, this was the bandit extermination plan that I had thought out.

Well, my job was to just wait until the point the bandits gave up this spot.

Hmm? You think I'm doing nothing but sleeping? No no, nothing like that.

The bandits occasionally hunt to go get food and give some of the game they catch to the dungeon. (Though they're parts like bones and organs that the bandits don't eat, they're still DP) And in return, I teach them how to fight effectively in the cave by writing in the box.

Of course the most delicious thing would be for either the adventurers or the bandits to die in the dungeon, their DP is tasty.

... Dammit, I don't want to woork...!

However, it's still fine since the DP tributes from the bandits were easy work.

"Oh... Kehma, that's amazing! To have thought of something like that!"

"Yeah. By the way, that goblin room is actually going to be made into a dummy [Ordinary Cave]. In addition, when the time comes, move the core there. We'll feign ignorance and say [Eh? Bandits? My dungeon is unrelated though?]."

"Eeh, so that's it... I thought you forgot that monsters could only be taken out of the dungeon core when there are intruders for sure."

Oh, I forgot that.

"The adventurers will arrive soon."

"Yeah, I can see with some effort."

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"Boss, adventurers are coming."

"Yeah, as expected, let's ambush 'em."

“Expected?”

“Yeah, inside the box with the sword was written to defend against attacking adventurers.”

By the way, the bandit’s boss had been studying his letters recently and was able to read simple sentences.

Since the letters(or is it correct to call it a treasure box?) from the dungeon were written with simple sentences. Even the bandit’s boss could read it. [TN: Difference between letter and treasure box is a single kanji. Punny.]

Well, it’s reasonable to learn how to read in order to read letters from a dungeon... and the bandit’s boss was proud of his intelligence.

I in particular think making this dungeon their base made them smarter, and they became conceited.

I wonder if they’ll go back to being fools when they leave the dungeon... probably.

“... That’s right, let’s use the newcomers. If they kill ’em well they can enter the top brass.”

“Got it. And us?”

“We’ll tidy up the fatigued adventurers after the newcomers fail. It’s fine if it goes smoothly.”

In fact, many of their strategies came from the dungeon.

Using the newcomers, crushing the unusable ones early. This was one of the strategies taught by the dungeon.

Enduring wind and rain, they are in the base amassing treasures. That is the status of the bandits.

Though it would naturally be dangerous if their base was exposed, there would be no danger if they killed the people that came one by one... was written in the letter from the dungeon, but the bandit’s boss probably came up with that as well.

Entering from the entrance to the dungeon, there is a blind spot in the corner of the room... well, since it was small the most that could be jammed in there was seven or eight people altogether. The newcomers waited there.

The non-newcomer bandits waited in the additional rooms to the left and right of the passage. They could give supporting attacks at any time.

“Huh? Wasn’t the dungeon core right here?”

Those words were the last for one of the three adventurers.

A newcomer brandished his sword towards the defenseless adventurer that appeared and rushed at him.

“Eat this!”

He struck his defenseless neck with the blunt rusted sword, killing him by breaking the bones in his neck.

You did it newcomer, are you a delinquent or something? You recklessly tried to look cool and were noisy.

Though you were told to be silent until you attack, were you fussy about being a delinquent as you tried to kill someone for the first time? But the adventurer was killed in the first attack. You could call the result good luck.

“E, eeeeh-! With this I’m in the top brass!”

“Bennis!? Tch, bandits!? [Slash]!”

“Eh? Gobeh-”

The adventurer... the swordsman’s counterattack cut halfway through the newcomer’s neck. As you’d expect, it’s at the level where he won’t survive if he doesn’t receive high-class recovery magic right now-in other words, there’s no saving him. That sharp sword must be taken care off well... no, that swordsman is skilled and at any rate used a skill. The delinquent crumbled with a thud.

Though none of the blockheads watched the body quietly finish falling down, the adventurers reacted faster than the bandit newcomers.

“Shit, he has a skill! Press on, use numbers...! -Gubo-”

An adventurer pierced the back of his leather armor with an arrow. The newcomer quickly died after his chest was pierced. Probably because the adventurer didn't think he'd die in a single blow, another arrow pierced through his head. High power quick shots. High accuracy, too. Does the rearguard adventurer use an offensive bow skill? But the solution for that is to draw close to make archers powerless. They didn't shift around to take positions in the passage, I wonder if they're not accustomed to combat? They won't run away without their comrades, I think.

From there it was a stomp. Though they were missing a person, they had good cooperation. The adventurers seem to be more skilled than the newcomers. That much was obvious when they used skills, but they couldn't win against the numbers. The swordsman was surrounded, and the archer approached the dead shield's body, collapsing.

Concerning the result of the newcomers trying to look cool, in exchange for five people, the three adventurers were dealt with.

The newcomers finished off the surviving adventurers... well, two of the three were killed, but one didn't survive. Fortunately a newcomer that was a former mercenary killed an adventurer and was added to the top brass as promised.

"Since adding more newcomers from here on will be a headache... it would be good to have a mediator.

A surviving mercenary and an escaped slave huh... the delinquents are useless...

... Now then, can we get more rooms with this? Pleeease, my lovely Dungeon-chan!"

Then, a box came out.

The contents written were [Good work! Since I'm going to add more rooms, please go outside].

Fortunately, food filled the box. The bandit's boss even saw something he'd never seen before, sweet smelling bread was inside. It smells like the luxury fruit known as a melon... coincidentally, the boss was able to get a

whiff of it once before. Enthralled by that alone-well, let's not talk about it.

About the bread, when the new top brass were given a taste as a reward, they began eating it with amazing momentum, saying [This is the first time I've eaten such a sweet and delicious bread! I promise my loyalty to boss from now on!]

Towards their expressions that were more serious than when they joined the group, he couldn't help but giving a wry smile.

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The adventurers seem to have been more stupid than I thought.

If they were careful with their scouting, they could have prevented the bandit's surprise attack.

Or maybe they underestimated the [Ordinary Cave] after all? They may have thought it was no problem even if they were ambushed by something on the level of goblins.

They probably didn't think that the danger increased much while they traveled here?

... The rookies may have been caught in an accident, they probably thought that.

In any case, they should have been more caution when they rookies didn't return. It was bad for them to neglect that.

"Yay, it's delicious! Those bandits saw something good. The dungeon core hasn't even been stepped on recently."

"They're the culprits though."

Whatever, we got 1900 this time, so there's 2951 DP now... Roughly five bandits for 1000, and 900 for the three adventurers huh. The we lost the steady income from the five, it was a good return.

"... Should we add more rooms as requested then? Since they did their best extending from the room on the left, I'll add one facing the inside to each side. It might be good to make one a jail... oh right, food service.

“Meh lun bred? What’s this? Something like that’s on the DP menu?”

“Want some?”

I got [Assorted Sweet Buns (15 DP)] [Assorted Bread Dishes (15 DP)] [Vegetable/Dried Meat Set (15 DP)] and a [Box (5 DP)] to put it in, sending it out to the bandits with a message to enter the dungeon.

Because I used 630 DP to add more rooms, there was 2271 DP remaining.

... Still a long way to go for 10000 DP.

Chapter 9 - Let's use DP

“What’s this, so good! [Melon Bread] is stupidly good! Kehma, you eat delicious things like this!?”

The slovenly dungeon core seemed anxious about the melon bread, taking a bite of it. She scoffed up this rest of it with sparkling eyes.

You can eat bread? I mean you can eat things? That’s the first time I saw it.

“W-what? Even I can eat food!”

“But, isn’t it unneeded?”

“Though that’s right, it’s a luxury. Luxuries... isn’t there more?”

As far as this goes, it’s 5 DP for one you know? Together with a drink.

Since it comes with an assortment of six sweet rolls, it was haughty to ask for a set.

No, I also gave the bandits a bread assortment. She didn’t notice.

Additionally, since it was a cheap 5 DP for a barrel of beverages... it felt considerably overpriced...

“Well, there are various kinds of bread, but we wouldn’t be saving DP...”

“I-isn’t it ok? We have 2000 now you know? S-so, i-if we use just a little...”

Ah, her eyes were serious.

“You even used it on your own to buy a [Pillow] and a [Futon]! Isn’t a little for me fine!?”

“Even though I gave you a goblin~?”

“Wha-! G-Gobsuke has nothing to do with this! Besides, doesn’t Kehma use 20 DP every day for food to eat!”

When did you name it!? That’s news to me!

“Rather, I give the goblin half of my meal. The goblin actually costs more than 20 DP due to maintenance costs... rather isn’t he a good-for-nothing

with our present condition? He's comple~tely your pet now right?"

"T-that's not it! Gobsuke can be helpful! Right, Gobsuke!?"

The subject suddenly changed, Gobsuke stared blankly in puzzlement with a [Eh? What, why did this the conversation shift?].

I wondered, it felt like the fangs jutting out under it's nose looked made it's face look doggish.

... Would it eat dog food?

"Whatever. Honestly, I don't mind as long as you don't use too much... anyway, if we each buy drink and bread assortments from now on, our DP expenditure won't change."

That probably suppressed her, seeing as how she fell silent.

"Yay! Then get a bread assortment out at once!"

"Couldn't you have gotten them yourself? You've also used DP from the menu right?"

"Eh? But, I've never seen [Assortment of Bread] or [Melon Bread] before you know? ...Huh, there's more? O~h, I can choose from [Black Bread], [White Bread] and [Melon Bread]! I didn't know!"

Hm? What?

"Oi, say your choices again."

"Eh? The three things are [Black Bread] [White Bread] and [Melon Bread]?"

"... ... That's it?"

"? Yeah, but what do you mean?"

For my [Bread Assortment (5 DP)]... the choices are [Cream-filled Roll] [Bean Paste Roll] [Jam Roll] [Steamed Roll] [Apple Pie] [Deep-fried Bread], changing the DP.

"Do you know what this is?"

"... Bread, right? What's this, it's the first time I've seen it shaped like this. I

mean, the bread Kehma produces is wrapped in something transparent, can I eat that?”

“No, you don’t eat it. You tear the plastic open and eat what’s inside... by the way, this is called a [Bean Paste Roll]. Try it.”

“Eeeh, so this is called a [Bean Paste Roll]... nom...~~~! So good! [Bean Paste Rolls] are also amazing! Eeeh, there’s yellow stuff inside. Ooh, so good! What’s this, so good-”

I thought of something and had passed her a [Cream-filled Roll].

“Rokuko, look at the bread assortment menu again and see if your choices increased or not.”

“Eh? ‘Kay... There’s more. [Bean Paste Roll] was added. Eeeh, so something like this can happen too.”

“So next, take out a [Bean Paste Roll]. You can mix it with the melon bread.”

“Really!? Fufufu, then, half and half, three of each... fufu, fufufu!”

“Yeah, I’m taking a [Bean Paste Roll].”

“AAAAAAAH!?”

Incidentally, when Rokuko took out the [Bread Assortment], I took a [Bean Paste Roll]... Yeah, that’s a [Cream-filled Roll]. Even the way it looked, it was a [Cream-filled Roll]. Additionally, it wasn’t reproduced with the plastic and was bare.

“Sorry, Rokuko. That was a [Cream-filled Roll]. This one is a [Bean Paste Roll].”

“Eh, really? Heeh, so this is a [Bean Paste Roll]. Hehe, this one is red on the inside! ... Super sweet! I love this one too! The genuine [Bean Paste Roll] is amazing!”

Sorry for deceiving you again. That’s a [Jam Roll]. Strawberry jam.

“It’s fine to take out another. Make it four [Cream-filled Rolls] and two [Bean Paste Rolls] this time.”

“What this, you want to please me that much? Aaah mou, Kehma is shining today! Four [Cream-filled Rolls] and two [Bean Paste Rolls]!”

“... Oh, what were your choices?”

“Eh? Ah, now that you mention it they increased again... Alright, I brought them out you know? Is it okay to eat them?”

Seeing what Rokuko exchanged DP for, there were four [Cream-filled Rolls] and two [Jam Rolls].

... I see.

Apparently, it seems the DP menu's priority is what the person themselves recognized.

And likely, [What you don't know isn't on the menu].

Just looking to make sure, other than the missing plastic, only the name was incorrect.

Was it absorbed, or something? Ah, that's not it, but she does absorb trash every day... is it recognition after all?

Nevertheless, there's a high possibility it's not limited to things that exist in this world.

I've never seen a dragon even though it's on the menu... though it could be a default thing for a dungeon master.

Though I wanted to verify it a little more, it became a hassle. I didn't want to waste DP either.

“It's okay to eat right? Right?”

“Yeah, go for it... Alright, since that's enough for four days, eat it carefully yeah? Split it with Gobsuke.”

“Hae-!?”

Biting into a [Cream-filled Roll], Rokuko froze.

Don't worry, even if you finish eating them today, I'll share mine with Gobsuke. Though I won't say it.

Chapter 10 - The Bandit Bought Slaves

Two days after the bandits lost five newcomers, the bandit's boss lead some newcomers in with him.

A whopping eighteen people... Since the seven new guys were reduced by five, that with the other eight it became ten in total. So with these new guys, twenty-eight, a 2.8x increase in one go. Where's he getting them from... as I thought that, I noticed two were attacking adventurers that had been tied up to be used as sacrifices. Well, even with that, that's still twenty-six. Isn't this already the scale of a small village?

"Oh, other than those two sacrifices they're all slaves."

"How do know that? ... Ah, the collars? Well, two sacrifices... okay, guess I'll add two rooms in the back. As you'd expect, it's a priority to make sure they fit so we can get the DP..."

Looking from above, I added a room shaped like a square in the upper right side.

Rather, is it okay for slaves to be sold to bandits in this world?

"I'd heard that humans who commit crimes are turned into criminal slaves, but..."

"So the bandits are buying returned criminals eh? That's a draining basket..."

Well, they were obviously non-combatants...there were women, or rather little girls.

In this world, there's no reason to look filthy since there's life magic.

... Yep, their eyes were full of malice and they were nearly nude. Heck, wasn't the slave the boss had obviously in the single digit age range? So they bought a child with eyes like a dead fish like that. Will he raise her as his daughter? Oi, she even has dog ears... wait, oi.

She is a sex slave.

You lolicon! Coming here with this R18 development! Well, it was only men till now...

Stripping the scant rags off of her, he used the magic Cleanup while suspiciously stroking her body with his hands. He stuck his face onto her with a dirty sound, pushing her down onto the bed... ah, yep. Cut.

She has eyes like a dead fish. Perfectly a Doll-san.

“Wooow... woooooow, amazing.... I didn’t know humans could still have reproductive behaviors with such a small body, wo-... I-is Kehma aiming for me!?”

“No, I don’t like forcing people. To begin with, someone small like you isn’t in my strike zone! I’m not a lolicon!”

“B-but you evaluate feet right? Mine, as well as that human slave’s.”

“Her bare feet are all tattered, even though they have such a good shape, it’s a waste. Damn, I’d like to at least have her wear some socks.”

... If possible, knee socks would be good. White knee socks, black knee socks. Maybe not knee socks, but a collar and stockings to match that important part of a dog, the dog ears? ... Oi, erase the filthy bandits that are on the screen.

“I get the feeling it’ll be ten minutes at most...”

“Don’t pay them any attention. Well, I’m going to go lay down... The DP we got from the sacrifices this time was pretty good.”

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What’s so good about being a bandit...

I can’t enter a town normally, and shopping costs even more with a middleman.

Though I talk to the peddlers to not break our cover, they take advantage and raise the prices.

We have to do amateur repairs on our weapons ourselves since we can’t even go to a blacksmith, so we just use crushing weapons. Thinking about

my weapon breaking while I'm using it sends shivers down my spine.

Gold. Our lives our consumed by gaining it. Though I say that, it's better than risking your life as a mercenary.

However, strength can steal anything.

Though the income isn't stable, the returns are huge.

Moreover, in my time as a mercenary I heard it was possible to join something called the Hidden Guild.

Don't attack wagons that had the Hidden Guild's mark, that was the rule. But there many merits.

You could get anything so long as you had the money... well, it was expensive though.

One thing is the brothel... though it was nothing but a tent in the slum, it had women.

Since bandits obviously couldn't enter the town, we can't go to normal brothels. But sexual desire builds up. Adventurers are nothing but men, and women adventurers only succeed since they gather attention and are hard to attack. Therefore, we can't help but get the assistance of the Hidden Guild's prostitutes.

Even a bandit's boss has to come to the Hidden Guild's brothel for that.

Though they didn't have satisfactory women, we could only gaze at the feet of the average high-quality downtown brothel with the price.

Still, you can't buy a good woman without the money for it.

... It's just better to buy one. With that thought, the bandit's boss bought the cheapest woman.

A demi-human child that wasn't even in the two-digit age range came out. Not even human. The Hidden Guild's cheapest prostitute didn't have clothes and only had a slave collar.

Not even trained, it didn't know what to do by itself.

Though if this one's ears and tail were cut off it would look closer to a

human, even that wasn't done. Most likely, it would have been a bother to pay for a demi-human slave to be treated by recovery magic, or maybe just for someone's eccentrics. If you didn't use recovery magic, she would be in danger of dying... are corpses preferable?

But it was too small to begin with. It was ridiculous for her to call herself a prostitute like that.

Though the fruit was immature, a woman was a woman. Grasping its delicate arm that seemed like it would break from contact, I took her.

The feeling wasn't bad. Rather, the young and smooth skin was reminiscent of the luxury brothel's prostitute that I was taken to by a senior in my times as a mercenary. It was arousing.

After the act, the bandit's boss decided to begin buying crime slaves.

The Hidden Guild dealt with slaves of all kinds. Dying slaves were cheap, healthy slaves were expensive.

Killing adventurers reduces the number of newcomers I have, so it'll be better to get crime slaves that have experience killing. That's what the bandit's boss was thinking.

Sooner or later my underlings will also need sex slaves... though sex slaves are more expensive than crime slaves, it can't be helped since they're luxury items. Let's buy some if there's a bit of left over funds.

The bandit's boss lined up the slaves he'd bought. The demi-human child he bought in the brothel was lined up as well. Though he felt the money previously spent in the brothel before buying this would be wasted, since they were cheap, he decided to buy them. They were also priced dirt cheap. Or rather, they were almost for free, a bonus for taking other slaves as well. He'd wondered if they were about to be disposed of, their prices were cheaper than ten pieces of tough black bread.

He comfortably caressed the child slave that was almost free of charge... remembering the reminiscent feel of the high class prostitute, the bandit's boss felt that he'd profited.

As long as it became yours, you didn't need to worry about a penalty price

for breaking or ripping it up. It was your responsibility to widen unusable holes and cut off the tail and ears.

“... Should I wait to cut off its ears and tail till it grows up a bit? It'd be a waste for it to die after going through so much trouble. I want the original at least.”

Carrying the sluggish demi-human child that walked slowly, the bandit's boss headed toward the [Ordinary Cave].

On the way, we attacked a pair of adventurers we noticed from behind, capturing them alive.

That was good. With this we might have another room to put the slaves in.

“I'm so lucky!”

Kuku, the bandit's boss laughed.

Chapter 11 - The End of the Bandits

It's been a week since the adventurers attacked. That means the dungeon was peaceful.

Adventurers haven't come, so the bandits are uninjured.

The bandits left and brought back corpses twice this past week. The four corpses turned into around 600 DP. It was most likely too difficult to capture them alive.

... Though I really did think that, isn't that poor earnings for twenty-six people? Well, one of them is a non-combat child.

Ah, their reward? I decided to wait a few days since they hadn't killed inside the cave. There's no rush you know?

By the way, the boss plays around with the dog-eared girl every day... that's the only part I don't find peaceful.

Even if she's a slave or something, as a Japanese, I can't just suddenly adjust and accept it.

Rather than the other slaves serving the bandits, just one of them became a plaything.

Is it a small relief that, other than the boss, no one made a move on her?

It seems his underlings' evaluations of him is something like [The boss is a lolicon]. After being asked if he would buy more adult female slaves, he said they'd get them by raiding.

"... Still, he doesn't get tired of doing it day after day..."

"It's becoming an eyesore now."

"Though it's fine to think about it, keep it to your imagination..."

However, Rokuko might actually have a lot of human characteristics, pouting over a girl being made into a plaything.

"Oi... I don't like them contaminating the dungeon with their body fluids..."

it's annoying."

"Ah, that? ... Though it's okay for me to use the master room as a restroom?"

"Yeah, it's fine if it's Kehma or Gobsuke, it can't be helped... I did more or less summon you as monsters."

"I'm considered a monster too? ... Now that you mention it, I was summoned huh."

"It feels like you're just going in circles. Don't be so easygoing... moreover, oi, is there no way to get them to leave?"

"With that tone, your hobby is definitely scat. But your goblin and scat hobbies are bad."

"I'm not aroused by excrement you know!? Kehma is also misunderstanding that thing with the goblin you know!?"

Yeah, it was fiddling around with Rokuko yesterday.

It seems like... today is the day the dungeon's peace will be broken.

No, the time for peace has arrived, maybe.

"Ah, something amazing is coming..."

Hearing Rokuko mutter something to herself, I pulled up the map.

Map of the surrounding area... As long as it's within view distance from the dungeon, I can see detailed geographic information and features. On it were red dots signifying enemies, marching forward in well-regulated rows.

"About thirty people huh... they finally came. Were they early? Or slow...?"

"Who's coming? Those guys?"

"Yeah, it's probably the suppression group. And looking at how fast they're progressing, they're a trained group. The knights... will probably be the end of the bandits. Though unlikely, it'd be delicious if they survived."

And it seems that the bandits noticed. Taking out the semitransparent monitor from the menu, I decided to check out what the bandits were doing.

It really is convenient since it could be used as though there were surveillance cameras installed in the dungeon.

When I looked, underlings were reporting to the boss in a panic.

[Boss, it's bad, knights! They're coming our way!]

[What!? How were we exposed, we killed everyone that saw our base!?]

The bandit's boss panicked. It seems he didn't think that knights would be dispatched for them.

[No, they're human but having said that they're knights, it's better to not be killed... how many?]

[S-sorry, I came back as soon as I saw them wearing armor. At least, err, more than five people!]

[Tch, can't be helped then... well, we're going to ambush them in the dungeon even if there's more or less of 'em anyway.]

[That so?]

[If there's a small amount we'll use a surprise attack, if there's a lot of 'em we'll fence them in from the outside. The End.]

[Ooh! I see, as expected of the boss! Alright, everyone heard him! Let's ambush 'em!]

[[[YEAH!]]]

Apparently it looks like they're motivated; more so, inside the dungeon.

That's very convenient. It's good that I taught the bandit boss how to fight using the exits and passages for ambushes this week. It's really good he isn't bright enough to escape from here.

"Then, can the bandits win?"

"Though it depends on the strength of the knights... if the strength of those thirty are like the recent adventurers, they'll be wiped out for sure."

I also checked out how the group of knights were doing.

I decided to watch until they completed the long-awaited annihilation of

the bandits. Since it's happening also due to the results of my work.

As for the bandits, eight were in the entrance room, with eight people on the way to the core room. It seems the ambush will be in the core room with nine people, including the bandit boss. Though they distributed their forces, the rooms limited how many could actually perform an ambush.

When the bandits finished their ambush preparations, the knights arrived at the cave entrance.

[Full stop. Henry-dono, is this the [Ordinary Cave]?]

[Yes. Most likely, that is the bandits' hideout... Beck, I leave it to you.]

[Yeah. Thanks for cooperating... Life, return the beats to my wave-[Life Search].]

A knight wearing full body armor used the skill. After a moment, a transparent wave extended around the knight using the skill... Judging by its name, it looks like it's a skill that searches for living things. I wonder if it uses the principles of echolocation?

At least with this, the bandits' ambush will lose its effect.

[Hmm... from what I heard, there are at least eight people that way. They're preparing to ambush us.]

There certainly were eight bandits waiting in the first room.

... Maybe he can't hear what's beyond the wooden door? Or maybe it's the effective range?

[That's it for the information.]

[Alright, let's commence the bandit suppression. Though it doesn't look like there are any prisoners... as a precaution, we'll use a sleeping drug.]

[Understood!]

[Five people stay and watch the attack from the outside. The rest, surround the entrance. Kill any escaping bandits.]

[Roger that.]

The group of knights surrounded the cave's exit, taking position. They

began to burn an incense at the entrance.

... So that's how it is? Well, that makes it unnecessary to purposely walk into an ambush.

After the incense burned for a while, it was time for the bandits to move.

When they started to smell the aroma of the incense, they weren't able to endure the drowsiness and collapsed.

[Gu, this is... it's a sleeping drug! R-run, get to the back room!]

[No, we should attack before we can't move! They won't have many people if they used a trick like this. Let's go!]

[If we shut the door, the smoke... ugu-... w-what do we do...]

[Hmph, cowards, you go and sleep. I'm going to kill them all!]

One of the new guys from before that had finished off the adventurers in the cave, becoming top brass, headed out of the cave with five desperate slaves.

The only guy to remain, not collapsed from drowsiness, was the guy who suggested to withdraw... he was crouching and hitting his abdomen.

As for the six who went outside, their fighting strength dropped due to drowsiness. They couldn't do anything against the swords of the knights that encircled the entrance. They threw their blunt swords in desperation, though it was easily deflected by the knights' armors.

Listening to his comrades' shrieks outside, he mumbled [Ahh, I wasn't wrong...]. He fell asleep with the other eight there, collapsing.

His definitive mistake was to become a comrade of the bandits to begin with, but it didn't seem he noticed that.

Though the smell thinned, they couldn't tell when it came to the point where it wouldn't put them to sleep, so the knights used [Life Search] again.

[[Life Search]... Hmm, there are two left for now.]

[Alright... the passage is narrow. We'll go in in rows of two. Be careful.]

The knights entered the dungeon one after another... However, that the

knights took up positions outside the cave meant that they already knew that the inside of the dungeon was a dungeon.

Yep, it was correct for us to expand it. Otherwise the DP from those six people dying would have been wasted.

[... Alright, two bandits left. Be sure to finish them off.]

[Is that alright?]

[We can't turn back at this point. Besides, it's our job to raze the bandit hideout. If we crush the head, it'll be fine to leave the rest to adventurers... Look, we're still far from the back. There are probably people better than the underlings arranged at the entrance farther inside... Though it'd be nice if we already defeated the boss earlier.]

[Indeed.]

When they decapitated the two sleeping bandits, DP came in.

Feeling my clothes being tugged on, I looked at Rokuko. She had a strange look on her face.

"Is it fine to not take the corpses from a bit ago? It's wasteful."

"... You absolutely can't absorb them you know? If you did that we wouldn't be able to deceive them anymore."

"Deceive them?"

"... Once they know that this is a dungeon that eats people, or that this beginner dungeon gained energy, they might consider this dungeon is dangerous and destroy the core. Though I more or less have insurance..."

"Uu, I'll die if the core gets destroyed... Insurance? What is it?"

"... Hey, remember the goblin room I made a while ago?"

"Ooh, the area you made a bit away! It was the dummy [Ordinary Cave] right?"

"Yeah. Since this world doesn't have very accurate maps, we can probably deceive them even if the cave's position shifts somewhat... maybe, well, it's possible they'll accept it and misunderstand that this cave is an ordinary

cave. That's just a small hope though..."

"Un un, I see... Huh? What about the core?"

In fact, by placing a dummy core, the castling function... though I want to save the function that could instantly switch it with the genuine dungeon core in case of an emergency (It can be used even if an intruder is in the core room), there was no choice. Since it cost 5000 DP, we couldn't take this out till yesterday. Nevertheless, it's the type of device that couldn't be installed if there are any intruders in the necessary parts of the dungeon.

"... Well, since we separated the rooms on the floor with doors, when the time comes we'll turn the core room into an impregnable trap room."

By dividing the floors up, we can set up traps even if there's an intruder on another floor.

... Naturally, that's if there aren't intruders in the room. That condition still counts.

"But right now the bandit boss is lying in wait in the core room."

Of course, the bandits are treated as intruders.

"Yeah... in other words, right now we want them to overlook us and appeal to them as a harmless dungeon."

"I get it, so that's why I can't take the corpses. Then, how will they overlook us?"

"... F-for now we just wait and see."

In fact, there was nothing he could do for now.

He returned his attention to the group of knights.

[Is the loot room this way? A bed... u-]

[... That's a distinctive smell. Were there women here as well? But, they didn't use [Cleanup]... there's so much that even if they used it it wouldn't be enough.]

Right now, the knights were examining the boss' bedroom.

It's the room that he made the dog-eared girl his plaything. By the way, the

dog-eared girl is under the bed right now. She had eyes like a dead fish and didn't even twitch. Without finding her, the knights moved on to the next room.

Though the knights probably would have been able to find her if they used [Life Search], they didn't use it for some reason. I wonder if there's a usage restriction? The knights probably couldn't use it just to simply explore. The captain-ish knight that had used [Life Search] outside of the dungeon was, right now, issuing instructions to subordinates at the entrance room.

The boss' bedroom had been turned into a jail.

They did that in order to capture the guys that they attacked, but in the end they didn't use it. It turned into a loot room.

[It's not that good eh.]

[Was our timing off? If we'd come here a bit sooner there might have been some valuables. We replenished our rations... it looks like we came a bit too late..."]

"Oi, watch what you're saying. But well, isn't it fine with this sake we got?]

Still, the knights retrieved the valuable items from this room before going to the master room. Though there really wasn't anything worth mentioning. The bread was moldy and got thrown away... About the magic tool that could be used for light? It was like a lantern... Though well, the boss brought everything that could be used for combat to the core room.

So the only things left were old food and bad loot. Since it had become a dead end, the knights put the food into boxes and carried it out.

After they finished carrying the food out, they resumed the suppression.

Putting his hand to the wooden door, a knight tried to open it. A sword sprouted from the door.

[Guah!?!]

It wasn't a trap. Behind the wooden door was a bandit piercing the knight that tried to open the door.

Then, the door was completely destroyed with swords.

[Uoaaaaaah!]

[Gu-!? Ryan, get awa-! Uoooooh!]

The injured soldier withdrew and combat began.

[Dammit, since they tried to ambush us at the entrance I was negligent...
Light, heal this person's wounds—[Healing]!]

“S-sorry, captain... gu-u...!”

Wrapped in the magic's light, the injured soldier's wounds were healed. The large slash wound closed and the bleeding stopped. Though he was still exhausted and weak, he wasn't in a life-threatening situation.

... So that's recovery magic huh. It's my first time seeing it.

Ah, the combat finished while I was admiring it.

[Sorry, Haggis was also injured in the fight just now. Please heal him.]

[Damn, this is too exhausting... Can you take up command instead if I collapse? Light, heal this person's wounds—[Healing].]

[There's no other way so it can't be helped. Since I can't use recovery magic, just captain... Seriously, it'd be nice if more healing scrolls showed up on the market...]

[There definitely isn't enough recovery magic scrolls produced, since the Church has a monopoly on it...]

Hmm, hearing that was good... By the way, it seems I can exchange 100000 DP for a healing scroll. Calling it rare... it's the same price as the cheapest dragon. Yup.

However, if they're able to recover from wounds they went to great lengths to inflict, there's no longer a chance for the bandits to win.

[Alright then. I checked Ryan a little ago, be careful of surprise attacks okay? ... Even though the [Ordinary Cave] is said to be a very short dungeon.]

[Captain. There are pickaxes on the ground. The bandits likely dug more.]

[Huh? The walls of a dungeon will be repaired even if they're dug into.]

Why do they have something like that?]

[I don't know, but... there are traces of them digging through walls.]

Is that so? I looked at Rokuko.

"Usually, the opened holes are closed up, yeah. Don't humans do that too?"

"Like healing scratches huh."

"Sort of like that. Though it isn't particularly painful."

[Hmm...? What does that mean? Though it was already a very unusual thing for bandits to set up in a dungeon, maybe this has something to do with that?"]

[No way, the bandits are the dungeon boss?]

[Hahaha, I've never heard of something like humans being a dungeon boss. Maybe the bandits are dragons?]

[The rooms here are too small for dragons to fit in.]

The knights carefully advanced through the dungeon while joking around.

As for the remaining bandits, nine were lying in wait in the core room.

Though they had no choice but to take their time while looking through the eight rooms in the dungeon, the knights finally arrived in front of the core room... However, the knights didn't know how to open the door to the core room.

I changed my view to the bandits.

An underling moved his ear from the door, reporting to the boss.

[... It looks like they arrived.]

[Alright. Prepare your bows, quietly... Shoot 'em dead soon as they open the door.]

[Boss, we got this.]

[Fuu. Those guys should be exhausted by getting here. If it comes to that, we'll put an end to it and just push through.]

In reality they've recovered. I wonder what they'd do if I told them the

knights had no chance of losing.

... I'd die from the core being destroyed in a fit of anger.

... Creeeak, the wooden door to the core room opened slowly.

The moment that happened, the bandit boss gave the signal to shoot their bows. Arrows shot towards the passage.

With heavy impact, there were the sounds of arrows hitting armor. However, just one of them. One of them was really lucky—and the worst case for the knights—that an arrow slipped into the visor's opening, going through his brain.

At the corner of my vision I saw the DP increase. Looks like he died in one hit.

[Ryui! Dammit, it's no good! He didn't survive!]

[Tch...! Just one person!]

[Boss!]

[You guys! Go for their joints! Our armor will just deflect-]

The boss slashed at him.

[Geh-, you bastard, you Melon Vomit!]

[Don't call me thaaaaaat!]

[Uwaaah!]

The bandit boss was enraged, slashing with his sword. His vigor engulfed the knight's body, causing him to flinch. He rammed his sword into an opening on the knight's armor—violently stirring up the insides. I saw the DP increase again, guess he died as well.

I don't want to see what's inside...

Rather, the heck kind of nickname is Melon Vomit?

[Wha-, impolitely vomiting melon while eating together with Hime-sama!]

[How dare you do that to Ryui and Eijin, you Vomit Bastard!]

[That melon was rotten! It wasn't my fault! Why did you take my fucking reward moneeeeeeeeeey!]

[More than just vomitting the melon, you killed the chef after falsely accusing him of making the melon rotten! Right in front of Hime-sama!]

[Shut up! He was just jealous that Hime-sama was in love with me! I would have been emperor right now if it wasn't for him!]

Ah, thanks for explaining how you became Melon Vomit. I literally learned more about it than I thought.

Thereafter, Melon Vomit struggled more than expected because he got so angry.

In addition to killing the guy with his sword, he inflicted many injuries on the knights.

But that was all.

With the cooperation of the subordinates supporting each other, they gradually wore him down. The knights successfully surrounded him, sealing off his movements.

Then, before he noticed it, a sword grew from his belly.

[Dammit... after that... even though....]

Dropping to his knees with a thud, Melon Vomit was defeated.

Grabbing his hair, the knight forcibly lifted his face.

[Oi, where are your other comrades? Melon Vomit.]

[Tch.... everyone was here because of it, goddamn it... why... I did what I was told...]

Though his words near the end were faint, it reached the knight's ears.

With that, all of the bandits had become DP.

[Was there a mastermind? ... Though there was evidence there were women, maybe they escaped.]

[Though he said everyone... I don't get it. Wait, it looks like this room is the

dungeon core's.]

[Heeeh, here... that's a dungeon core huh? It's the first time I've seen one.]

[As I'd heard, it was a small dungeon. There weren't even stairs.]

One of the knights aimed his sword towards the dungeon core.

[Alright then, should I destroy the core?]

Chapter 12 - A Slave Called a Hug Pillow

The knight said he was going to destroy the core.

The statement was stifling.

Shivers ran through me as though my blood flowed in reverse.

The knight raised his sword in the monitor... then, swung it down.

“Gob!”

“Gobsuke!?”

Gobsuke rushed out into the master room. Rokuko and I couldn't stop him.

That is, it may have been the instinct of a dungeon monster to avoid the core from being destroyed.

[Uwah-!? Kuh, that's-!]

[Gob-... ah...]

In the monitor, we could see Gobsuke jump out of the core and be cut down.

Gobsuke was cut in two, breathing his last breath.

[Dammit, the goblin got in the way... let's go again...]

[Oi, what are you doing!? This isn't in our jurisdiction!]

The leader stopped the knight raising his sword over his head.

[Low class dungeons like this are controlled by the adventurer guild. Just a goblin came out, I heard that this is a bottom class dungeon.]

[Oops, that's right... my apologies.]

Stopped by his captain, the knight quickly lowered his sword.

[... Shit, even though I could become a Sage Knight by destroying a dungeon core...]

[Though I get why you would want to destroy the core, it's already been

suppressed. Besides, if you could be acknowledged as a Sage Knight by subjugating bandits in a dungeon where there isn't even a dungeon boss, the royal capital would be overflowing with them by now.]

[Tch... well, just one goblin came out of the core when I said I'd destroy it, maybe it didn't get enough power...]

[Fool, I'm cutting your pay when we return.]

[Eeh-! That's-!]

[Well, rather than gaining recognition as a Sage Knight with a dungeon where there isn't even a dungeon boss, wouldn't the opposite happen?]

[... If anything, couldn't you call Melon Vomit the boss? When you receive your Sage Knight name, do you want it to said like [Travelling to the Ordinary Cave, the Sage Knight that suppressed Melon Vomit]? After that, you'd be known as [Sage Knight of Melon Vomit] or [Sage Knight of the Ordinary Cave].]

[Yeah, that sounds pretty bad... Haah, Ryui, Eijin, Thomas... I didn't think three people would have been lost by something like a bandit extermination.]

[Melon Vomit was a formidable enemy...]

Leaving out their losses, the mood became one of work completed.

Remembering that I hadn't been breathing for a while now, I took a deep breath.

... I thought I was going to die.

After coming to this world, that was the first time I've seen the sign of death.

Thought I was going to crap myself... seriously, ya know? Craaaaap myself.

However, he had his mind on what he heard them say about Sage Knights destroying dungeon cores.

"U-uu... G-Gobsuke..."

Rokuko was crouched down, sobbing.

Having said that, the goblin was a companion we'd spent time together with for the past half month.

As for memories... yeah, but they're just memories of eating bread together.

I wonder what kind of relationship Rokuko had with him while I was sleeping?

"Leave after giving back my portion of the [Bean Paste Roll]..."

Apparently it looks like Rokuko did the same as me.

"Gobsuke... repaid his debt splendidly. If he didn't stop them, we'd be dead."

"Uu, my [Bean Paste Roll]..."

No, she was probably meaning to say [Don't leave me and die... idiot...].

I selected an assortment of six sweetened buns, presenting them to Rokuko.

"Here, [Bean Paste Rolls] to cheer you up."

"Eh-really!? I'm cheered up, cheered up! Super cheered up!"

Rokuko was so lively it was to the point that I seriously almost saw an aura around her.

Ah, now that I think about it, this girl was always a brute that sent goblins against adventurers.

"What's this!? Though it's black on the inside it's somehow delicious! Ah, but this one is tasty too-"

... Incidentally, I still had to teach her about [Jam Buns]...

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The bandits' corpses were gathered in the entrance room. It seemed that they would bring the knights' corpses back home.

Though I honestly didn't want to see their grotesqueness, I can't look away so that I can catch the timing to turn them into delicious DP.

... Dousing the corpses with oil, they burned them... In the cave?

I get the feeling they don't know anything about carbon dioxide stagnating in the air inside the dungeon in the first place. Even the bandits used torches for light as usual...

[Even a dungeon funeral is too luxurious for these guys.]

[Did you douse them with oil properly? It'd be troublesome if they became ghouls later on.]

[Yeah, it's fine to just burn everything but their weapons yeah?]

[That's right. In they off chance they somehow survive, it'll be troublesome if they have anything.]

Though they said that, there wasn't anything worth using left.

Just the bandits' corpses and their bedding.

So that it would burn everything, they went outside the cave's entrance before setting the fire. I was thankful for that, since after it burned out I could majestically capture the corpses.

[Alright, I'll set the fire... Dance, flames—[Ignition].]

Ignition looked to be a magic that produced a fire to the level of a lighter from the fingertip. Igniting the oil fuse, the fire extended along it like a snake. The mountain of corpses inside the cave was wreathed in flames surprisingly quickly.

"Ah. Hey, is that dog eared slave girl alright?"

When I was reminded by Rokuko's words, the fire snake burned through the wooden door, approaching the bed where the dog eared girl was hiding.

Her eyes like a dead fish reminded me of despair.

Maybe, even though the bandits were good, I get the feeling I won't be able to sleep if I don't save her here. Is it because she's a child?

I'd be troubled if I had a nightmare... I'd lose out on sleep.

"... I wonder if she'll become DP?"

“Cut it out. We’ll save her. Can’t you collect her?”

“Collect her huh? You’re going to go and help her now? The entrance room is a sea of fire you know? It’ll be burned out by the time you get there.”

It was like Rokuko said. Regardless of whether or not there were any intruders, you could only enter and exit from the dungeon core in the master room. And even if I left the dungeon core it was just a sea of fire. It was hopeless to just walk there.

“Besides, don’t you know that I can’t collect invaders? She isn’t an item.”

Hearing Rokuko’s words, it dawned on me.

“That’s it... an item. What did you just say, Rokuko?”

“Eh-?”

I spoke to Rokuko like I was persuading myself.

“Slaves are called tools. Items. In fact, I never saw those guys make any voluntary movements. Even after their owners, the bandits, died. In other words, slaves... are items, she just doesn’t have an owner now. Items of dead adventurers become the dungeon’s. Therefore, she already belongs to the dungeon. Right, Rokuko?”

“U-umm... even though they’re called items, they’re living things, having magical power...”

“Even if you called them living things, you can deploy demons directly from the dungeon core so long as there aren’t invaders. In other words, it’s possible to send and collect living things. In fact, couldn’t you collect the moldy bread? Isn’t mold a living thing? If that’s the case, you could probably collect a box with a mouse in it for example. So you should be able to collect living things like humans. It’s no good since there’s magical power? Even magic tools have magical power. Didn’t you collect the light magic tool? Therefore, there’s no reason you can’t collect THAT-!!”

I looked at the monitor and map. The fire spread to the bed, beginning to scorch the sheets.

The girl was shown as a red dot on the map, representing her as an

intruder.

Shit, it's still no good, I didn't convince myself enough!

"A-a slave isn't an item after all!"

"Then that isn't even a slave! It's a pillow! That is a pillow! A dog eared girl type of pillow! An item meant for men concealed under their beds!!"

That's a pillow, a pillow, a pillow, a pillow, a pillow, a pillow, a pillow...

Imagine it. That is a hug pillow. A pillow that felt very good when you embraced it. Even playing with its dog ears would be amusing, and had the clothing option of adding knee-socks to it to caress and admire... ah, I should have been doing something like that.

Yeah, such an important hug pillow must not be burned.

Ah, I want to sleep using that pillow.

Maybe not having knee socks on its legs is also an option?

It would also be good to feel cold legs at times, rather than like a hot-water bottle. Speaking of hot-water bottles, the bandit boss used Rokuko's core as a hot-water bottle huh? Ha ha ha.

Wait, I got a bit of topic.

Come to think of it, although there is an item called the heavenly pillow, I wonder if hug pillows are better than it?

... Ah, I remembered something unpleasant. Vomit Melon used it like that...

Though being used goods was a demerit, it won't be a problem if I wash it thoroughly. Cleanup is really convenient. Can it wash hug pillows too?

Well then, if not I'll just have to wash it thoroughly.

I could already only see the dog eared girl as a hug pillow.

Glancing at the map, rather than the red dot of an intruder, there was a green dot indicating an item.

"Alright, it's a hug pillow. Collect it."

In conclusion, she could do it.

“Eeeeh... W-why could you collect it!? She was an intruder, the master room-”

“Huh? I just collected a hug pillow. Rather, Rokuko, don’t absorb the corpses before the fire burns out. Wait a while after it finishes, a knight might come by to make sure.”

Ah, a bit of its hair burned. Wasting such precious black hair. Well, with the auto-restoration function, it was left as just burnt. Maybe short is good too... Woah, some white stuff is stuck in it. Seriously Melon Vomit, wash it out.

“Eh-, i-is that right... No, no no. Wait a moment. If intruders can’t be brought into the core, it isn’t funny she was collected!”

“What are you talking about? Isn’t it natural that a hug pillow, therefore an item, could be brought in?”

“Y-yeah... I get the feeling that works...”

And so, I used Cleanup on the hug pillow.

As the foam characteristic to the Cleanup magic went from top to bottom on the hug pillow, it completely cleaned it off-

“Uoh-!?”

-and it let out a cute sound.

...Oh, I remembered. Right, I collected a dog eared slave girl.

Phew, I almost didn’t come back after my self-suggestion...

“G-good, I’m back. Right, somehow, I collected her...”

“Ah, you’re bad? Then I demand an explanation!”

“Ah, that’s easy... It’s because I could.”

I thought I couldn’t do it so I convinced myself. Magic is a free and irresponsible thing... though now I’m tired.

“You saw it right? You can collect slaves.”

“That’s right... I can collect slaves...”

Yeah, it’s better to have Rokuko think that.

... Well, what do I do with this dog eared girl? For now, should I really make her a hug pillow...?

“By the way, what’s this one’s name? It’d be hard to refer to her without one.”

“Ah, that’s right... Your name? Or maybe your nickname? What is it?”

“Eh.... ah... ... Meat... is what I’m called, Goshujin-sama.”

Though her reaction was a little dull, she answered properly.

For the time being, I laid down for the day, taking out sweet rolls and a futon and pillow combo with DP, having her rest.

Though she didn’t move at first, she obediently ate the sweet rolls when ordered and laid down, sleeping on the futon.

For information on how to treat Meat it might be good if the group of knights returned.

Above that, it’s better that the knights don’t meddle.

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In the end, the group of knights confirmed that the bandits’ corpses burned sufficiently before returning.

As expected, I slept through the whole thing.

After that, they returned to their camp without doing anything in particular. Yeah, I think it would have been amazing if they’d just slaughtered the bandits to eat their roasted meat. Truly.

Turning the corpses into DP wasn’t a problem, it also became a significant influx.

With this, our savings are totaled at—14504 DP.

“Amazing... this is the first time I’ve seen so much DP.”

Right now, when compared with our DP savings so far it was a small

fortune.

However, the bandits aren't here anymore, so our income decreased.

Gobsuke isn't here anymore... but in exchange I have a dog eared slave and have to support it.

With three meals a day, assuming that sweet roll assortments and beverages are served... that's a consumption of 15 DP per day.

And the income from the core was just 10 DP. It seemed that the dog eared slave earned 0 DP even when left alone since it was collected as an item. Or maybe it isn't strong enough to collect DP from to start with...

Well, that being the case, I'll cut her meals to two a day to make it stabilize... no, in order for adventurers to not expect anything when they come, I need to take out a goblin. There would be a deficit. Could I sleep soundly in a situation like this? No, I couldn't sleep. I'm a coward, so I can't endure my savings being gradually decreased.

So, I who cannot endure a deficit management style, will have to fundamentally change the [Ordinary Cave]'s nature.

... Haah, I don't want to work.

Chapter 13 - Extra: Dungeon Master Kehma (Rokuko's Point of View)

Strange. How did this happen?

I just sank 1000 DP into the slots, taking a big gamble to turn around this hopeless situation.

A weak looking human, Kehma, appeared. Of all things, he became the dungeon master and I have to obey him.

What kind of thing is this? I don't get it.

I can't settle down until I slaughter those detestable bandits who kicked my core. It definitely would have been better to use the 1000 DP to summon a ton of goblins than this.

Aah what am I doing already, while he's asleep I have to be quiet. I couldn't speak since he ordered me.

I have a lot of things I want to say!

Then, when I summoned a goblin using DP, he got angry.

Moreover, when there was a chance at revenge when only one bandit was left, he didn't do anything!

Why not!? Ane-sama No. 89 said I should summon goblins!

Ane-sama No. 89 is amazing you know!? She's the dungeon in the imperial capital! Kehma couldn't even reach her feet!

That's the ton of DP I worked for!

Then he ordered me to not use DP without his permission.

And yet he used it for himself. If it were just food it would be fine, but he took out a [Futon]. Gununu... yet he told me...

I mean, doesn't that guy sleep too much? I'm a dungeon core so I don't sleep at all you know?

I wonder if sleeping so much is okay?

After that, for some reason Kehma used the DP I'd gathered at great pains to give tribute to the bandits.

Moreover, he had me write something I didn't mean at all.

[Thank you for defeating the goblins.]

Aaaaah! Come oooooon~~~~!

This guy, he just wants to flatter them desperately to survive!

I thought, when-

"We've gained some time with this for now. Since we'll massacre them before long, calm down."

-he spoke with a serious face.

Moreover, was it to make his bed safe? I don't get this guy. I can't understand him. He even went to sleep again.

Explain it properly!

Then, adventurers arrived when that guy was sleeping. However, they were defeated by the bandits.

That was the first time. The first time something other than goblins died in the labyrinth.

Perhaps the bandits are a good thing?

Well, I won't let them kick my core!

Then after explaining it to Kehma, it seemed to be what he planned.

He expected this to occur, above all getting more DP.

The bandits definitely earned more DP than he spent on them.

It wasn't bad.

As I thought that, he used DP on the bandits again. He added more rooms.

With one room, unleash the strongest monsters with a bang!

Though that's what I believed, he convinced me with his explanation. Just

enough goblins to do what's needed is fine!

But he doesn't let me deploy goblins. I don't get it.

In the end, after using all that DP for the group of bandits, he said it was different from the other gifts since it couldn't be taken away to the town. Well, it certainly feels like that. Unexpectedly, Kehma has a good head on his shoulders. He's better at earning DP than me.

But he's a really sleepy guy huh...

I poked him.

Ah, Gobsuke. I used [Cleanup] on him. However, Kehma just used [Cleanup] on himself once to become completely clean.

Normally, you'd need to douse the water a lot of times, using [Cleanup] over and over to do that. I wonder how he did it?

After that, the bandits purposely brought corpses back themselves. Killing and bringing back their trophies to the inside of the dungeon, DP increased just like Kehma said.

Then, the [Melon Bread]. Kehma took out bread I'd never seen before, called [Melon Bread], using DP. It was sweet and so delicious... eating things like this wasn't bad.

[Melon Bread] is amazing. Though [Bean Paste Roll] is tasty, [Melon Bread] is the best.

Eh, I have to share with Gobsuke? ... I-it's fine, but I won't share any of the [Melon Bread] you know!?

Though I told him when the adventurers came, he'd actually made a goblin room a few days ago as a backup plan.

Kehma properly took many things into consideration as the dungeon master.

He usually slept, making me send various things written in the box, then collecting it... wait, not just that... huh, isn't he doing quite a lot of things?

Now that I think about it, didn't I just throw goblins at adventurers that

came...?

Hmm, maybe it would be a good thing to study some more?

... And then the bandits were finally cleared out.

Though I thought that I was going to die when the sword was pointed at the dungeon core, I was saved.

For me, Gobsuke sacrificed himself...

Recently, I'd started to understand what Gobsuke wanted to say, but now he isn't here... I'm a little sad.

As for the bandits... they were massacred just like Kehma said. They completely became DP.

... Kehma is amazing. He really was able to massacre the bandits.

I definitely don't think I could have done it with just me and goblins.

... I wonder if Kehma could have done it by just using goblins?

In truth, the bandits were killed with neither monsters nor traps.

After that, he collected the tiny slave into the master room.

Though I don't know how, even though she was definitely an intruder, he treated her like an item.

Learning that slaves could be collected like items when their masters died was a first for me.

However, it was natural that I didn't know since it was the first time a slave was in the dungeon. I don't know things I don't know.

... I wonder what use he has for the slave? Will it really be a hug pillow?

No way, it's Kehma. I'm sure there's a decent reason.

But still, [Meat], huh.... definitely slang. I don't think it meant anything good either... Well, it's fine if Kehma says it's fine. [TN: The slave's name in the raw is 'Meat' written in kana instead of kanji-'Niku']

What next? Even though the dungeon has changed considerably...

Well, it's alright. I'll leave it to the dungeon master.

If I leave it to Kehma, even I could get closer to Ane-sama No. 89!

Ah, but I'll help out a bit, too.